JUDICIAL PROFILE

Mark W. Armstrong is the Family Court Presiding Judge. Prior to that he served as the Associate Presiding Judge of the Court. His assignments since his appointment to the bench in 1988 have been broad in scope, encompassing family court, criminal, civil and juvenile cases. Immediately prior to his judicial appointment, he was an attorney with Winston & Strawn in Phoenix from 1985 until 1987. He also worked as an attorney with Mangum, Wall, Stoops and Warden, a law firm in Flagstaff from 1982 until 1984. He served as a Judge Advocate for the United States Air Force on active duty from 1977 to 1981, continuing in that capacity in the Air Force Reserve since 1986. He has earned three Air Force Commendation Medals and two Meritorious Service Medals, and currently holds the rank of Colonel.

Judge Armstrong attended Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio and graduated cum laude in 1973 with a B.S. degree. He then attended the University of Arizona College of Law, graduating with distinction in May 1977. Judge Armstrong is one of the court's supervising judges, and is actively involved in transforming the Domestic Relations Department into a new, more effective, Family Court. He, along with other leadership judges on the court, is in the process of strengthening and improving judicial and legal processes to deal with children, domestic violence and case flow management. He has been a member of the Court's Executive Committee since June 1995, and chairs the Court's Judicial Education and Training Committee, Judge Pro Tem Committee, Hearing Officer Selection Committee, and Integrated Family Court (IFC) Task Force. He serves on the Arizona Legislature's Child Support Committee, the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on the Superior Court and the City of Phoenix Judicial Selection Advisory Board. He is an advisor to the Men's Anti-violence Network (MAN). He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Arizona Judges Association, Air Force Association, and Reserve Officers Association.